

BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2008

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. SDG&E PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED ELECTRIC SUBSTATION REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION:

Project Manager, Darren Weim, will present the most current information/plans regarding SDG&E's proposed substation for the acceptance of wind generation from various developers in the Boulevard area.

B. GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT DRAFT TECHNICAL REVIEW REVISIONS: The Group has been asked to comment on the draft technical review revisions for the Land Use Element. The goal is to provide a framework to accommodate future development in an efficient and sustainable manner that is compatible with the character of unincorporated communities and the protection of valuable and sensitive natural resources.

A. 6 .OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES:

A. TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: Several community volunteers have stepped forward to form an informal ad-hoc trails committee to review available options and ideas for local trails and trails that interconnect with existing and/or planned trail systems. The next update is scheduled for the July meeting.

B. SUNRISE POWERLINK CPUC HEARING: The Chair will report on the May 12th Public Utilities Commission hearing held in Borrego, and other information regarding the project and the potential local routing changes (this item may be taken out of order if SDG&E reps have any comments)

C. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE

AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): The group submitted comments prior to the March 24th deadline. Sempra has requested to construct a single circuit 500 kV transmission line that crosses the US-Mexico international border near Jacumba. The line would connect to up to 1,250 MW of wind energy to be produced in LaRumrosa Baja, CA, by a Sempra subsidiary. All energy would be exported from Mexico to the US. An 80-acre loop substation is proposed to be built on private land on the US side connecting to the existing Southwest Powerlink. There is no information on a date for any local public hearings.

D. GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION: An article in the San Diego Union Tribune (3-13-08) quoted a tribal leader as saying their hotel proposal is on hold because of the economy. The Campo Band and the County have held several negotiation meetings over off-reservation impacts of the project.

E. CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental Draft EIS for this long-planned landfill project on Campo's tribal lands is now projected to be released for public comment in 60-90 days. The private developer, BLT Enterprises, Inc, has confirmed that they are still active participants in the project.

F. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: New staffing and consultants have taken over this project. Completion date is projected for Fall of 2010. The current review process includes the Land Use Element, Rural Village Boundaries, and Community Character.

G. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: The County has started holding steering committee meetings on their MSCP for east county to provide for long-range conservation for one of the most bio-diverse locations in the nation. The goal for the plan is to avoid piecemealing, isolated open space easements, uncoordinated funding efforts for habitat conservation and inconsistent habitat management. It is supposed to provide certainty for developers and compliment the retention of the rural character of the backcountry. Reportedly there will :”essentially be no change” for property owners who do not plan to further develop their properties. Those who choose to develop will still need to comply with CEQA and other regs.

H. BLM’S PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EASTERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY: The Final Environmental Impact statement is available online at www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html. The Group submitted a protest letter and McCain Valley photo album in January. The proposed management plan includes changes which allow for industrial wind turbines on over 7,000 acres in McCain Valley.

I. WIND ENERGY PROPOSAL FOR MCCAIN VALLEY: PPM Energy has reportedly issued a Plan Of Development for their wind turbine facility proposed for BLM land. It is not yet available to the public. They have also filed a protest for the BLM’s Resource Management Plan update’s reduction of potential wind energy development lands from over 17,000 acres down to approximately 7,000 acres. The Record of Decision is pending. This new industrial project will be required to go through a separate federal environmental review process.

J. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS: The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo area has been included in the federally designated energy corridor which can include multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. The Group submitted comments by the February 14th deadline. The Sunrise Powerlink DEIS/EIR referred to this corridor designation as support for the I-8 Modified Route D Alternative.

K. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing reportedly has control over approximately 8,000 Boulevard acres, including Big Country and Empire Ranch, with several thousand more under consideration. No official project has been publicly announced.

L. INVENERGY: There has been no official announcement or proposal for Invenergy’s potential plans for wind energy development in the Boulevard area. Invenergy has confirmed that numerous local property owners have been offered grant easement agreements. The County has confirmed that they have been approached by Invenergy regarding requirements for the installation of a meteorological test tower. Updated information will be provided as it becomes available.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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